

# Morning Highlights

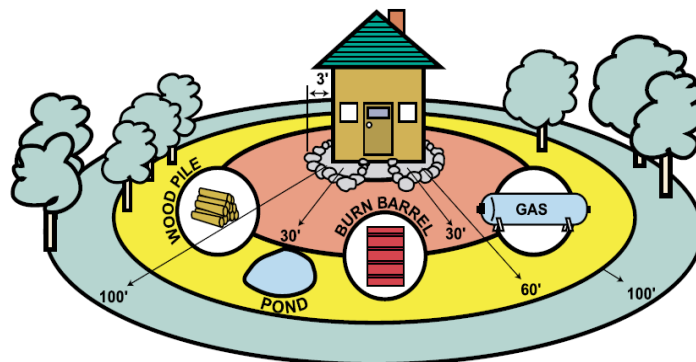
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## HIGHLIGHTS

**\*\*Highlights will not be updated again until August 7, 2006\*\***

- Three new small fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Thursday. State and local firefighters controlled two fires in the Anchorage/MatSu Area. Another fire was reported in the Southwest Area in Limited Protection. The one staffed wildland fire in Alaska is in the Fairbanks Area, two miles from the Teklanika River. No cabins are immediately near the pre-existing fire, but Division of Forestry Helitack and an Initial Attack Squad were dispatched Thursday as the fire showed an increase in activity. Personnel are working to secure the perimeter. Currently 22 fires are active in Alaska. AICC reports that so far this year 277 fires have burned 269,435 acres statewide.
- The weather conditions and lack of immediate fire activity make late summer and early fall the perfect time for those living in the Wildland Urban Interface to prepare themselves for wildland fire. If you plan on going to the Tanana Valley State Fair, please visit the Interagency Booth (look for the "Society of American Foresters" sign) located at the end of the row on the east side of the fair grounds, same side as Sunrise Field Arena. Materials about how to create defensible space around your home and property will be provided. Don't wait until a fire is encroaching, take advantage of the opportunity you have now to remove flammable materials and vegetation. Information may also be found at:  
<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf> or <http://firewise.org/>.



Use the zone concept for thinning, limbing, and clearing flammable vegetation from around your home.

- Red Flag Warnings (RFW) are in effect until 10:00 p.m. for strong winds in the Yukon Flats and surrounding uplands, the Tanana River Flats, and the northeastern slopes of the eastern Alaska Range. RFWs mean that conditions are occurring or will occur which could lead to the development of large, dangerous wildfires. For more information, visit: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>

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# ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: [www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm](http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm)
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.

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